

**ARIZONA CARDINALS
HEAD COACH KEN WHISENHUNT (KW) AND
GENERAL MANAGER ROD GRAVES (RG)
DISCUSSING 81st OVERALL PICK-WR EARLY DOUCET**

Opening Statement:

(RG): “Our third round selection was Early Doucet of LSU, a wide receiver. We are excited about the opportunity to add a player of his caliber. He has been very productive at LSU and certainly fits the style of play that I think Coach Whisenhunt and our staff would like to employ next season and beyond. We are excited about having Early.”

On if there is any concern about his speed:

(KW): “This year he struggled a little bit with a nagging groin injury that effected his play a little bit, but if you look at some of his tape last year, especially with two receivers (Dwayne Bowe-Kansas City, Craig Davis-San Diego) that went early, he was one that really stood out. So when it came time to pick, he was high on our board and was someone that you couldn’t ignore. It was a position we needed after having lost Bryant (Johnson); we need that third receiver. We have a number of guys competing for that spot but this was a talented player, a very good player coming out of high school. I think he was the number one receiver prospect in the country at that time. It was just too much talent and production to ignore.”

On where they envision him playing:

(KW): “With as much three and four wide receiver sets as we do, the question is finding out which one of those he fits in. I think that he is a versatile player. There are a number of clips you see in highlights where he is working inside and outside. So it is going to be a combination of scheming some of the plays that we do and where he excels when we get out here and start working in the mini-camps and in the OTAs.”

On how developed he is technically as far as things like route running:

(KW): “He obviously has a knack for that. You are not as productive as he has been over his career if you don’t have the ability to be a good route runner. Especially when you are playing in the National Championship or when you are playing in the SEC where there are good football players. But as we like to think, there is always work that he can improve on to make him better and we are excited to get him in here and work with him.”

On if this means anything regarding Anquan Boldin:

(RG): “No, we took the best player we thought was available and certainly the one we thought would bring the biggest impact to our football team at this time. Obviously I understand the people trying to connect the dots but we fully expect that Anquan Boldin will be playing with us next season, at least that’s my vision. We also hope that we will get him under a long term contract. Our anticipation is that we could have a dynamic group of receivers with hopefully Early a part of it with as coach said others competing but certainly with Larry (Fitzgerald) and Anquan. I just think we have a chance to have an outstanding group of talent at our wide receiver position.”

On if they got any calls about Anquan Boldin on the first day of the draft:

(RG): “We have had calls throughout the week as the media reports started circulating and again our response has been consistent-we are not interested in trading Anquan Boldin.”